(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news-item appearing in the Financial Express under the heading 'Panel to probe Rs. 1.12 Cr. SBI Cheque Scam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the culprits involved therein; and

(d) what preventive steps are proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

**US Investment in India**

850. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what aspects of India's economic policies Clinton Administration has been very supportive, in the language of India's Finance Minister in Calcutta;

(b) what would be the amount extended by the U.S. Administration through Institutional Finance and through direct investment;

(c) the Institutions which provided finance to India and how far investment in India is the U.S. Administration's direct responsibility; and

(d) how far justified was the Finance Minister in making light of irritants to India by the U.S. President saying that as a superpower the U.S.A. imposed its will on other countries and belittled the country by holding we are only a small element in their calculations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The U.S. Government has been generally supportive of various measures of liberalisation initiated by the Government of India in the recent past.

(b) and (c) The U.S. Government does not play any direct role in the inflow of direct investment of Institutional Finance from USA. However, through its Agency for International Development (AID), the U.S. Government had obligated development and commodity assistance of US $. 141.1 million during October 1992 to September, 1993.

(d) Some observations made by the Finance Minister at the meetings in Calcutta on 20th November, 1993 were in the over-all context of Indo-US Economic Relations and should, therefore, not be seen out of context. There was certainly no attempt to belittle the country. It was emphasised that it was imperative to strengthen India's economy so as to increase our influence and bargaining cower in international relations.

**Loan proposal pending with the World Bank**

851. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the amount of loans, assistance and aid received during the current year from different agencies, including the World Bank;

(b) whether it is a fact that many more loan proposals are still pending with the bank;

(c) whether it is also a fact that World Bank is imposing a series of new conditions of sanctioning such proposals; and

(d) if so, facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Details of loan, assistance and aid received during the year 1993-94 from multilateral and bilateral agencies including the World Bank are at Statement-I (see below).

(b) The list of pipeline projects pending with the World Bank is at statement II, (See below).

(c) and (d) The proposals for assistance are negotiated on mutually agreeable terms and conditions, specific to individual project proposals.

**Statement I**

*Amount Received From Multilateral/Bilateral Agencies as on 31.1.1994.*

(In Millions)

| SI. No. | Country/Ins | Loan | Grant |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ADB | USS 93.383 | |
| 2. | IBRD | US$ 572.491 | — |
| 3. | IDA | US$ 329.548 | — |
| 4. | IFAD | USS 2.717 | — |
| 5. | OPEC | USS 1.415 | — |
| 6. | Australia | USS 1.383 | — |
| 7. | Austria (Austrian Schillings) | 54,316 | — |
| 8. | Belgium (Belgian Franc) | — | — |
| 9. | Denmark (Danish Kroner) | | 67.195 |
| 10. | FRG | D.M. 214.184 | 2.392 |
| 11. | France | Franc 132.013 | 6.064 |
| 12. | Italy | US $ 0.002 | — |
| 13. | Japan | Yen 34724.3 | 2616.8 |
| 14. | Kuwait Fund | (Kuwait Dollar) 0.533 | — |
| 15. | Netherlands | (Dutch Guilder) — | 73.964 |
| 16. | Saudi Fund | (Saudi Riyal) 5.551 | — |
| 17. | Sweden | Kroner 99.948 | 130.536 |
| 18. | Switzerland | (Swiss Franc) 8.061 | 18.283 |
| 19. | USSR (Erstwhile) | Rouble). 0.050 | — |
| 20. | IMF | USS 324.4 (SDR 231) | — |
| 21. | Canada (Canadian Dollar) | — | 7.042 |
| 22. | EEC ECU | — | 9.800 |
| 23. | Norway (Norwayian Kroner) | — | 13.051 |
| 24. | USA | — | USS 3.734 |
| 25. | UK | — £ | 13.149 |

**Statement II**

*List of Pipeline Projects Pending with World Bank*

| SI. No. | Name of the Project |
|---|---|
| 1. | Rajasthan Water Supply-II |
| 2. | Population IX |
| 3. | M.P. Urban Development Project |
| 4. | A.P. Water Supply & Sanitation |
| 5. | Orissa Urban Development |
| 6. | Tuberculosis Control |
| 7. | A.P. Health Systems |
| 8. | Madras Water Supply & Sanitation-II |
| 9. | Kerala Urban Development |
| 10. | Bombay Sewerage Disposal |
| 11. | Bombay Urban Transport Project-II |
| 12. | U.P. Water Supply & Sanitation |
| 13. | first District Primary Education |
| 14. | Madras Water Supply Veeranam Project |
| 15. | Multi-Modal Transport |
| 16. | Public Sector Enterprises Restructuring |
| 17. | Coal Sector Rehabilitation |
| 18. | Haryana Highway Management |
| *19.* | Tamil Nadu Water Resources Consolidation |
| 20. | National Water Management-II |
| 21. | Haryana Water Resources Consolidation-Negotiations underway |
| 22. | Orissa Water Resources Consolidation |
| 23. | National Hydrology |
| 24. | Assam ADP |
| 25. | Karnataka ADP |
| 26. | M.P. Forestry |
| 27. | Maharastra Earthquake Reconstruction. |

**Pending income tax cases in West Bengal**

852. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases are pending with the Income Tax Authorities in West Bengal for refixation of pay and allowances of Ex-servicemen who joined the department in 1970s as per the Government orders;

(b) whether Government have not properly refixed the pay and salaries of those Army Personnel; and

(c) if so, the facts and reasons herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**प्रवर्तन निदेशालय द्वारा विदेशी मुद्रा, शस्त्रों और स्वापक पदार्थों की बरामदगी**

853. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रवर्तन निदेशालय के गुजरात-महाराष्ट्र कार्यालय द्वारा कुल कितनी मात्रा में विदेशी मुद्रा, विदेशी शस्त्रों और स्वापक पदार्थों की बरामदगी की गई है तथा इसका अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मूल्य कितना है;

(ख) इस संबंध में मारे गये प्रत्येक छापे के दौरान कितने दोषी व्यक्तियों, भारतीय और विदेशी राष्ट्रकों दोनों, को गिरफ्तार किया गया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में पोरबन्दर, कच्छ और जामनगर तटीय क्षेत्रों में तैनात सुरक्षा कार्मिक और सरकारी कर्मचारी भी इन मामलों में अन्तर्ग्रस्त हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे सरकारी कर्मचारियों के खिलाफ सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है तथा उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

**वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति):** (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रवर्तन / निदेशालय के गुजरात-महाराष्ट्र कार्यालयों ने 2.47 करोड़ रुपए (लगभग) के मूल्य की विदेशी मुद्रा जब्त की। प्रवर्तन निदेशालय के अधिकारियों को विदेशी शस्त्र और स्वापक पदार्थ जब्त करने का अधिकार नहीं है।